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Applicant: : Sigrid Lise Fosshei, et.al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response three months from August 15, 2003, up to and including November 15, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.